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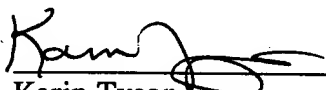
Re: Patent Term Extension  
Application for  
U.S. Patent No. 4,427,663

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Dear Ms. Yang:

A certificate under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,427,663 for a period of 1,255 days. While a courtesy copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you should directly correspond with the FDA regarding any required changes to the patent expiration dates set forth in the Patent Information set forth in the Green Book (FDA Approved Animal Drug Products).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)306-3159.

  
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Re: IVOMECE®EPRINEX™ Pour-On for  
Beef and Dairy Cattle

FDA Docket No. 97E-0308

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CERTIFICATE EXTENDING PATENT TERM  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

PATENT NO. : 4,427,663  
ISSUED : January 24, 1984  
INVENTOR(S) : Helmut H. Mrozik  
PATENT OWNER : Merck & Co., Inc.  
PRODUCT : IVOMEC®EPRINEX™ Pour-On for Beef and Dairy Cattle  
(eprinomectin)

This is to certify that there has been presented to the

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an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for an extension of the patent term. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

1,255 days

from March 16, 2002, the original expiration date of the patent, subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 41(b), with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



I have caused the seal of the Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed this 11th day of February 2000.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Q. Todd Dickinson", is written over the printed name.

Q. Todd Dickinson  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce and  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks